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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Mark A. Ritchart et al.
Application No. : 09/894,356
Filed : June 28, 2001
Title : METHODS AND DEVICES FOR
COLLECTION OF SOFT TISSUE



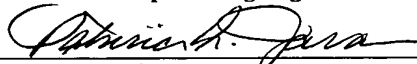
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendments and reconsider the above-identified
application in view of the accompanying remarks.